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SUBJECT: U. S. PHOSPHATE ROCK FOR KOREAN CHEMICAL FERTILIZER

1. EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF CHINHAE CHEMICAL (50 PERCENT GULF) HAS BROUGHT TO EMBASSY ATTENTION LOOMING SHORTAGE OF FLORIDA PHOSPHATE ROCK. APPARENTLY FLORIDA PHOSPHATE ROCK ASSOCIATION CLAIMING FORCE MAJEUR ON CONTRACTS AND CITING MECHANICAL PROBLEMS IN MINE' S RAILROAD CAR SHORTAGE AND SHORTAGE OF SHIPPING. ACCORDING TO CHINHAE EXECUTIVE SHORTAGE OF THIS ESSENTIAL RAW MATERIAL COULD FORCE PLANT TO HALT PRODUCTION THIS SUMMER. THIS WOULD HAVE OBVIOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON KOREAN AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK SINCE CHINHAE ONE OF MAJOR SUPPLIERS OF KOREAN CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS.
 2. CHINHAE EXECUTIVE SUGGESTS THAT, IF REAL SHORTAGE OF PHOSPHATE ROCK EXISTS, USG MIGHT WANT TO DISCUSS EXPORT PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS TO FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.
 3. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET HEARD ANTHING FROM ROKG ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT WOULD EXPECT TO HEAR WHEN AND IF CHINHAE NOTIFIES GOVERNMENT OF POSSIBILITY OF PRODUCTION SHORTAGE.
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